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SUBJECT: UN UNIVERSITY - APPOINTMENT OF RECTOR

1. FOLLOWING PATTERN ESTABLISHED LAST YEAR WHEN WE SOLICITED VIEWS ON UNU CHARTER, DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED FOR RECOMMENDATIONS OF AMERICANS FOR RECTORSHIP FROM LEADING U.S. FOUNDATIONS, ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERS OF U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO, U.S. COMMITTEE FOR UNU AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE THEN REVIEWED BY INTER AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR UNU WITH COUNCIL MEMBER, EDWARD WEIDNER, AMERICAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION VICE PRESIDENT, STEPHEN BAILEY AND MR. SAM MC KEE FROM NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES PARTICIPATING IN THE DISCUSSION.

2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT PERMDEL INFORM APPROPRIATE UNESCO OFFICIALS (M'BOW, HERMAN, BALBIR) AND ROGER GAUDRY, CHAIRMAN OF UNU COUNCIL AND ALSO ITS NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE RECTORSHIP WHICH IS TO MEET AT UNESCO HOUSE IN PARIS ON SEPTEMBER 11 THAT AFTER GOING THROUGH PROCEDURE UNCLASSIFIED

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CITED ABOVE WE FIND THE FOLLOWING AMERICANS HIGHLY REC-

COMMENDED AND OUTSTANDINGLY WELL QUALIFIED FOR THE POST:

HARLAN CLEVELAND, DIRECTOR, ASPEN INSTITUTE PROGRAM
IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AGE 56

KENNETH THOMPSON, VICE PRESIDENT, ROCKEFELLER
FOUNDATION, AGE 53

FRED H. HARRINGTON, FORMER PRESIDENT UNIVERSITY OF
WISCONSIN, AGE 62

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THOMPSON AND HARRINGTON COULD BE
AVAILABLE. WE HAVE NOT DETERMINED AVAILABILITY OF
CLEVELAND BUT ASSUME COUNCIL MAY HAVE ALREADY DONE SO
SINCE HE WAS ON ITS EARLIER LIST. CURRICULUM VITA FOR
THOMPSON IS BEING AIR POUCHED. WE ASSUME PARTICULARS
FOR HARRINGTON AND CLEVELAND ARE ALREADY IN GAUDRY'S
HANDS.

4. FYI: PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR TRANSMITTAL OF THE ABOVE
NAMES SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS A FORMAL PROPOSAL OR
USG ENDORSEMENT. KISSINGER

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